INTELSAT II-B IN TRANSFER ORBIT.

NASA yesterday successfully launched the second INTELSAT II satellite into "what appears to be a very good transfer orbit" (about 195/23, 000 miles). ComSat Corp. intended to begin acquiring the satellite with its Andover Earth station last night in order to check-out the on-board systems. At present, ComSat intends to fire the apogee kick motor to place INTELSAT II-B into its synchronous equatorial orbit over the Pacific on either the fifth, seventh or ninth orbit which would be as early as Friday or as late as Sunday.

RUSK TO KEYNOTE HOUSE SPACE PANEL.

The House Space Committee's annual meeting of the Panel on Science and Technology, scheduled for January 24, 25, and 26, will hear Secretary of State Dean Rusk as keynote speaker. This year's panel will consider the theme of "Government, Science and International Policy," and will include a number of participants from foreign countries--including the Soviet Union.

The Panel on Science and Technology was created by committee chairman George P. Miller (D-Calif.) in 1959 to advise and assist the committee and consists of 16 prominent scientists. Following this year's keynote address by Rusk, a number of scientific papers will be presented on the general topic of the transfer of technology in raising the level of the world's economy. One of the papers to be presented will be by Dr. Donald F. Hornig, Presidential science advisor and director of the Office of Science and Technology. The following foreign scientists will participate in the panel discussions, moderated by Dr. Philip Handler of Duke University, and some of them will present papers to the panel:

Dr. Pierre Aigrain, director of higher education, French Ministry of Education; Dr. Carlos Chagas, Brazilian ambassador to UNESCO and president of the Academy of Sciences of Brazil; Dr. Andre de Blonay of Switzerland, secretary general of the Inter-Parliamentary Union; Dr. Dzherman M. Gvishiani, deputy chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology of the USSR; Dr. H.W. Julius, director of the Central Organization for Applied Scientific Research of The Netherlands; Dr. Kankuro Kaneshige, professor emeritus of the University of Tokyo and co-chairman of the U.S.-Japan Council for Science and Technology; Dr. Robert Major, director of the Royal Norwegian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research; Dr. Frank J. Malina, formerly director of JPL and presently trustee of the International Academy of Astronautics in Paris; Dr. S. Husain Zaheer, chairman of the National Research Development Corporation of India.

SUSPECTED SOVIET SPY INVITED TO HOUSE SPACE PANEL.

Dzherman M. Gvishiani, deputy chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology of the USSR and one of the foreign scientists invited to participate in the House Space Committee's annual meeting of the Panel on Science and Technology, has been identified by a Central Intelligence Agency source as a suspected spy for the Soviet Union's KGB (Kommitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti: Committee for State Security).